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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--July 1983

I. GENERAL

The latter half of the month brought a sharp upturn in the level of fighting in the nearly 3-year-old Iran-Iraq war, which had continued at a desultory pace for the past several weeks. On 23 July Iran launched another offensive against Iraq, this time in the Haj Umran area of northern Iraq, a mountainous Kurdish area. Iraqi media made a point of mentioning Kurdish participation in the fighting alongside Iraqi forces. The Iraqis claimed to have defeated the offensive a few days later. Iran launched yet another offensive on 30 July in the Mehran area, but the Iraqis, who had been expecting an attack in the central sector, claimed to have crushed that offensive as well. [redacted] 25X1

The rebellion among Fatah dissidents in Lebanon, which erupted in May, continued throughout the month with numerous reports of fighting between those loyal to PLO chairman Yasir 'Arafat and the dissidents. Syrian backing for the Fatah dissidents and for opposition elements within Lebanon, as well as reportage on mediation efforts within the Arab world, generated a large volume of copy throughout the month. [redacted] 25X1

On 26 July masked gunmen burst into the Islamic College in the already tense West Bank town of Hebron. Three Arab students were killed and 33 others wounded in the machinegun and grenade attack. The reaction in the occupied West Bank was immediate and violent, and a UN Security Council debate on the situation was called for by the Arabs. The possibility of local reaction to the expected U.S. veto of any Security Council resolution on the West Bank raised concerns for the security of the Embassy and its personnel in Amman. While the enhanced security remains in effect, there have not been any incidents in Amman to date.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Lateral Services

Bureau transcripts of Jordan radio reporting on the Hebron incident were of particular interest to the Embassy following a complaint from Tel Aviv that the radio was "embellishing" its reports with allegations of Israeli government and IDF support for the gunmen. A protest to Jordan Radio was considered, but the idea was dropped when a subsequent broadcast report indicated that this was the official Jordanian government line, as enunciated by Jordan's representative to the United Nations. [redacted] 25X1

B. Technical

The Bureau received a new Sony television receiver/monitor during the month. A VCR is being shipped from London Bureau to complete the set, which will be used to establish a second video monitoring position to resolve occasional scheduling conflicts with the existing position. [redacted] 25X1

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Senior monitor [redacted] and family departed Amman on PCS transfer to Nicosia Bureau on 14 July. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

2. Bureau secretary [redacted] went on LWOP effective 21 July to accompany her husband on PCS transfer. She is replaced by [redacted] who entered on duty on 10 July. [redacted] 25X1 25X1 25X1

3. Associate editor [redacted] received a PSI on 10 July. [redacted] 25X1

4. Three monitor candidates were tested during the month to fill the vacancy left by the departure of senior monitor [redacted] The results of the tests were substantially below those of the bureau's most recent recruits. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

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IV. VISITS

To the Bureau

Mr. Ted Kattouf, newly assigned deputy principal officer at the U.S. Interest Section, Baghdad, for a briefing on Jordan Bureau operations en route to his new post. [redacted] 25X1

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

ATT: Production Report

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JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 241,510
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 95,850
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 761

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
	6510	19455	68

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHRAIN	
MANAMA WAKH IN	
ARABIC	0
CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ)	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN	
ARABIC	0
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN	
ARABIC	0
FRANCE	
PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN	
ARABIC	32010
PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN	
ARABIC	4060
PARIS AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI IN	
ARABIC	8780
IRAQ	
BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN	
ARABIC	11420
BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN	
ARABIC	42810
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	7920
BAGHDAD INA IN	
ARABIC	24800
BAGHDAD INA IN	
ENGLISH	370
BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN	
ARABIC	0
BAGHDAD ATH-THAWRAH IN	
ARABIC	0
ISRAEL	
JERUSALEM IN	
ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD	5120
JERUSALEM AL-FAJR IN	
ARABIC	470
JERUSALEM AL-HAYAH IN	
HEBREW	0
JERUSALEM AL-QUDS IN	
ARABIC	300
JERUSALEM ASH-SHA'B IN	
ARABIC	0
JERUSALEM AT-TALI'AH IN	
ARABIC	0
JORDAN	
AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	15080
AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	1220
AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN	
ENGLISH	0
AMMAN PETRA-JNA IN	
ARABIC	1190
AMMAN AD-DUSTUR IN	
ARABIC	3500
AMMAN AKHBAR AL-USBU' IN	
ARABIC	130
AMMAN AR-RA'Y IN	
ARABIC	2280
AMMAN JERUSALEM STAR IN	
ENGLISH	0
AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	2520
AMMAN SAWT ASH-SHA'B IN	
ARABIC	7800
LEBANON	
MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN	
ARABIC	4040
MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN	
ENGLISH	210
SUDAN	
KHARTOUM SUNA IN	
ARABIC	8710
KHARTOUM SUNA IN	
ENGLISH	4060
SYRIA	
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	38800
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	4440
DAMASCUS SANA IN	
ARABIC	11620
UNITED KINGDOM	
LONDON REUTER IN	
ENGLISH	1380

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